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EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	
	1.	6,497,688	12/24/2002	Nishibayashi			
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	2.	JP U62-116703 (with concise explanation))	7/24/1987	JAPAN			
	3.	JP 2001-333888A	12/4/2001	JAPAN			
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